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WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT BAND. (Assisted by the PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY ORCHESTRA) will give

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1897.

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will be resumed under the conduct of

Mr. G. P. LAMMERT.

ALEX. CUMMING,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897.

NOTICE.

We beg to inform the public that our

business as dealers in Beef has lately

been very unprofitable, the supply of cattle having been so limited that therefore the price is

exceedingly high, and our Guild has consequently

lost a good deal of Capital. We beg to say

that we have lately been meeting with regard to the question of raising the price of Beef.

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a class of men in China passing as Chinese
subjects while all goes well with them and
than as soon as they get into trouble setting
up a claim to be treated as British subjects.
The existence of such a class is calculated
to cause needless friction with the native
authorities and to give a great deal of
trouble to the various Consulates. Chinese
who are entitled to claim British protection
are as a rule fully aware of the importance
of securing the necessary recognition, and
when they fail to do so it may generally be
assumed that it is because they consider it
will put them better to pass themselves off as Chinese subjects
and no willing to take the risk that course
involves. Under such circumstances it
seems only reasonable that they should be
required to abide by their election. Every
rule however, has its exceptions, and where
reasonable ground can be shown it may be
proper for the British Government to inter-
vene and claim jurisdiction over the person
concerned, notwithstanding his failure to
register. Such failure may be the result of
an oversight, inadvertence, or ignorance, and
under such circumstances it would be a hard-
ship to leave a British subject to the tender
mercies and severe squeezes of the native
authorities. We know nothing of the circum-
stances of the Amoy case and cannot say
whether it possesses any special features
entitling it to exceptional consideration.
Possibly the man may have honestly
thought his Straits passport sufficient
protection without registration at the Con-
sulate, while Straits Chinaman are as a
rule wide-awake men who appreciate the
risks they run from the native authorities
when they return to China. However that
may be, we take it that if it can be shown
that the case is really a deserving one protec-
tion will be accorded sooner or later, as was
done in the Shanghai case. It is well,
however, that the risk they run by failure
to register should be brought forcibly home
to Chinese British subjects in China by not
accordng protection too readily when they
have neglected to establish their right to
it beforehand.

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Germany's TERMS ACCEPTED.

EVACUATION OF KIAOCHAU A
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SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."] LONDON, 12 DECEMBER.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

The German force at Kiaochau will amount
to 4,500 men.

The Foreign Minister, Count von Bulow,
referring to Kiaochau, alluded to constant
grievances with China; nevertheless Germany
desired to preserve friendship, but cannot allow
China to think that she can treat Germans
differently from other Europeans. Confiding
the Count said that Germany was desirous of
respecting the interests of other Powers, and
that he was confident they would respect
Germany.

HAYTI—TROUBLE WITH GERMANY.

Two German cruisers have arrived at Hayti
and presented an indemnity to M. Lautens for
a steamer which sank between San Francisco
and Hongkong. After June next each of the
three Companies will have three steamers,
making nine in all, on the line.

The Nova Scotia ship *John McLeod*, from
London with a cargo of sugar for Halifax, Nova
Scotia struck on the Black Rock at the entrance
of Halifax harbour on the 17th November
in a dense fog. The crew left in the boat and
the vessel sank soon afterwards in thirty
fathoms.

Members of the Philharmonic Society will
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LONDON, &c.	MURKOPSE	Noon, 16th Dec.	See Special Advert. Section.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	C. H. S. Tocque, E.N.R.	Noon, 17th Dec.	Freighter Passage.
STRaits & BOMBAY	P. V. Vibert, E.N.R.	About 18th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	CANTON	About 23rd Dec.	Freighter Passage.
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STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES.
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J. Jones	AMA	at 4 P.M.
SANRI MARU	MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANT-	TUESDAY, 21st December,
W. Townsend	WERP VIA STRAITS (Transhipping	at 4 P.M.
	Cargo for Java Ports), COLOMBO &	
	PORT SAID.	
YAMASUJI MARU	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 23rd December,
B. Kawamoto	SEKI & KORE	at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, SHIMON-	FRIDAY, 24th December,
M. J. Cuthill	SEI & KORE	at 4 P.M.
TOHO MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS,	FRIDAY, 24th December,
E. W. Hawell	VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY &	at 4 P.M.
IDEZUMI MARU	MELBOURNE	
R. Nakano	BOHDAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Trans-	FRIDAY, 24th December,
	slipping Cage for Java Ports), &	at Noon.
EIKIJI MARU	COLOMBO	
A. E. Moss	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A. VIA KORE	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 P.M.
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EMPEROR OF JAPAN, Comdr. G. A. Lee, E.N.R.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec., 1897

EMPEROR OF CHINA, Comdr. H. Pybus, E.N.R.

WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan., 1898

EMPEROR OF INDIA, Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.R.R.

WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1897.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1897.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship.

"ULYSSES."

Captain Brown, will be dispatched as above

TODAY, the 9th Inst., at Noon.

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Captain G. S. Price, will be dispatched as above

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1897.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship.

"PYRRHUS."

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1897.

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THE British Iron & Metal Barque.

"DRUMELIAN."

Smith, Master, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1897.

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Hongkong, 24th October, 1897.

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